(d) whether Government would consider locating the fourth factory at Sagar or some other place in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Only two proposals for setting up of new ordnance factories have been under consideration of the Government for manufacture of (i) propellant and (ii) gun-sights.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The selection of sites for setting up of the factories has to be done after detailed examination of techno-economic and strategic factors. The present position is that the investment decision for setting up of these two factories is still to be taken by the Government. The proposal requires detailed scrutiny in terms of economic feasibility and utilisation of existing capacities in the country.

Melting of the Himalayan Glaciers

3070. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister has expressed concern over the Central Water Commission plan to augment water supply by melting the Himalayan glaciers by coal dusting;

(b) if so, whether a delegation of environmentalists had presented the memorandum signed by 15 environmentalists; and

(c) if so, what were the main points raised in the memorandum; whether Government have since examined the same and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister, contained incorrect information as the Central Water Commission has no plans to melt the Himalayan glaciers. However, a small experiment for melting the seasonal snow at lower elevation which in any case melts by June-July, is under consideration.

Overcrowding of OPD at AIIMS

3071. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is heavy overcrowding of patients of O.P.D. of AIIMS, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the estimated number of patients visiting OPD of AIIMS, New Delhi per day; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to reduce overcrowding at OPD in AIIMS, New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The average daily patients attendance during the year 1987-88 was 4818 along with the one or two attendants.

(c) The expansion of the Out Patients' Department of AIIMS will be considered in the VIIIth Plan.

Working of AIIMS

3072. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the working of the AIIMS, New Delhi is deteriorating and the patients are not properly treated/examined;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been a large scale purchasing of sub-standard material/medicines and even the syringes are often very blunt;

(c) whether it is also a fact that recent computerisation in the Institute wherein several lakhs of rupees have been wasted and some computers are installed in Administration and the remaining computers are lying idle; and